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TO: All County Welfare Directors

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ORTHOMOLECULAR MEDICINE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

The Orthomolecular Medicine Demonstration Project (OMDP), originally announced in letter number 79-7, terminated June 30, 1980. This means beginning with July month of eligibility the Department will no longer pay for the special supplementary services (vitamins, minerals, amino acids, and hair analysis) that participating beneficiaries had been able to receive through the OMDP. All patients and providers were notified of the project's termination by mail on June 15, 1980.

Counties may be asked by beneficiaries for RED OM Medi-Cal cards for months of eligibility prior to July 1980. This is possible because providers have until August 31, 1980, to submit all of their OMDP bills. If the beneficiary was eligible for Medi-Cal during the month in question, and was shown on the Limited Services Register (LSSR) as an OMDP participant, the county should issue a RED OM Medi-Cal card. If the beneficiary was eligible, but was not shown on the LSSR as an OMDP participant, please call the OMDP office in Sacramento at (916) 322-7462 for verification of the patient's enrollment date.

NO RED OM Medi-Cal cards are to be issued for July 1980 or any subsequent month of eligibility. However, termination of this project will not affect the Medi-Cal eligibility of the patients who were participating. They will receive a regular green Medi-Cal card for July and any subsequent month that they continue to be eligible for Medi-Cal, and will be able to receive the full scope of normal Medi-Cal benefits.

A special thanks is extended to the county staffs in the three project counties—Alameda, Orange and Santa Cruz — for their cooperation and assistance in resolving card issuance problems that arose during the project. Other adjacent counties were also very helpful and their efforts also deserve a note of thanks.

As mentioned in letter number 79-7, the Department of Health Services will be evaluating the relative cost of and general patient satisfaction with this limited expansion of Medi-Cal benefits to include OM treatment. A report will be prepared and submitted to the Governor and the Legislature by March 1, 1981. The Legislature will then use data from our report, as well as information from the medical literature and from various medical experts and organizations, to determine whether or not any or all of the OM services should be added to the Medi-Cal schedule of benefits on a permanent, statewide basis.

Appropriate revisions to the Medi-Cal Eligibility Manual will be released shortly.

If you have any questions regarding the termination of the OMDP or you receive questions from beneficiaries or providers you may direct them to:

Orthomolecular Medicine Project
Department of Health Services
714 P Street, Room 1392
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 322-7462

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Doris Z. Soderberg, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Field Representatives

OBSTETRICAL CARE ACCESS PROGRAM

COUNTY LOCATIONS

Serving Alameda County --

City of Berkeley
Department of Public Health
2180 Milvia Street, 3rd Floor
Berkeley, CA 94704

La Clinica De La Raza
Fruitvale Health
1507 Fruitvale Avenue
Oakland, CA 94601

East Oakland Community
Health Alliance
7515 East 14th Street
Oakland, CA 94621

Serving Del Norte
and Humboldt Counties --

United Indian Health Services, Inc.
Rural Health Clinic
P.O. Drawer "O"
Trinidad, CA 95570

Serving Lake
and Mendocino Counties --

Clearlake Indian Health
175 Park Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

Serving Lassen, Modoc,
Plumas and Siskiyou Counties --

Northeastern Rural Health Clinics
P.O. Box 478
Cedarville, CA 94104

Serving Shasta, Lassen
and Trinity Counties --

Northeastern California Coalition
for Rural Health
P.O. Box 1267
Anderson, CA 96007

Serving Kings County --

County of Kings
Department of Public Health
330 Campus Drive
Hanford, CA 93230

Serving San Diego County --

San Diego County
Department of Public Health
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

Serving Santa Barbara County --

Santa Barbara County Health
4440 Calle Real
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Serving Sonoma County --

Sonoma County Indian Health Project
2450 Professional Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95406